

## ACTINIA CEREUS.



### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* se affigens basi, carnosum, oblongum, teres, contractile, viviparum.

*Os* terminale, dilatabile, tentaculis cinctum.

*Aperiura* præter os nulla.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ACTINIA corpore longitudinaliter striato, tentaculis numerosissimis, denudatis, thalassinis, apice roseis.

Hydra CEREUS. H. tentaculis denudatis numerosissimis, corpore longitudinaliter fulcato.

*Gaertn. atl. angl.* 52. p. 78. t. 1. f. 1.

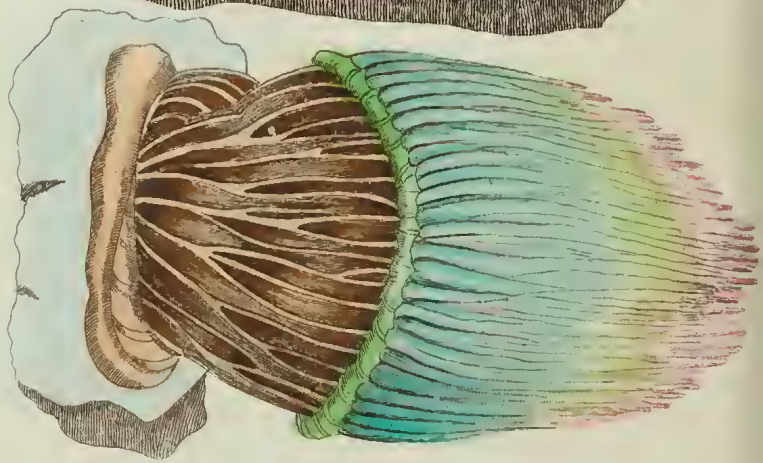
*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 3867.

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Actiniarum Britannicarum formosissima merito habetur species, cujus magnitudinem naturalem in tabula depinximus. Crescit tamen interdum in majorem molem. In oris Cornubiis reperta esse dicitur sæpius quam alibi. In editione Gmeliniana Systematis Linnæani annumeratur hæc species cum certis aliis *Hydræ* generi. Variant interdum colores; plumbei enim coloris sunt nonnulla specimina, carentque apicibus roseis tentaculorum.







THE  
ROSE-TIPPED ACTINIA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Body* fixing itself by the base, fleshy, oblong, cylindrical, contractile, viviparous.

*Mouth* terminal, dilatable, surrounded with tentacula.

No other *aperture*.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

ACTINIA with longitudinally-furrowed body, and unretractile, slender, very numerous sea-green tentacula with rose-colored tips.

Sea Torchthistle.

*Soland. & Ellis zooph. p. 2.*

The rose-tipped Sea-Anemone.

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Of all the British Actiniæ this may be considered as the most beautiful. It is represented on the plate in its natural size, but is sometimes larger. It is said to be more frequently seen about the coasts of Cornwall than elsewhere. In the Gmelinian edition of the Systema Naturæ this species, with some others, is placed in the genus Hydra. In color it occasionally varies, specimens sometimes occurring of a deep lead-color, and without the appearance of the rose-colored tips of the tentacula.